

FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO
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Commissioners Present:

Greg Cox, Chairman
Ken Colling, Vice Chairman
Dr. Nora Faine, Secretary
Dr. Nancy Bowen

Commissioner Absent:

Dr. Rodger Lum

Staff Present:

Laura Spiegel, Executive Director
Denis McGee
Kim Frink
Susan Morgan
Amie Meegan
David Smith, Deputy County Counsel
Patty Kay Danon, District 1

Minutes for August 4, 2003

1. Call to Order

Chairman Cox called the meeting of the First 5 Commission of San Diego to order at 2:09 p.m.

2. Opportunity for Public Comments

Dr. Betty Bassoff, a child care advocate addressed the Commission. She stated that the First 5 California Commission, in collaboration with the Packard Foundation, has issued a preliminary statement on Preschool for All Demonstration Projects in which it will match funds with the county commissions interested in joining the movement. Los Angeles, San Mateo, Alameda and several other Bay-area counties have shown support for Preschool for All. The State Commission will be asking for interest from local county commissions. Grants will be available throughout the State to help fund planning efforts of interested local counties. Dr. Bassoff expressed that Preschool for All is a major strategy used across the country to support school readiness.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes - July 7, 2003

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Colling, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, the Commission approved the minutes of July 7, 2003.

AYES:	Cox, Colling, Faine, Bowen
ABSENT:	Lum
ABSTAIN:	None
NOES:	None

4. Formation of Consent Calendar

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Colling, seconded by Commissioner Faine, the Commission approved the formation of the Consent Calendar, with Item 7 being pulled by the Commissioners for presentation. There were no items pulled by the public. The remaining items were approved per staff recommendation.

AYES:	Cox, Colling, Faine, Bowen
ABSENT:	Lum
ABSTAIN:	None
NOES:	None

5. State/Staff Report

Commissioner Colling recommended that the word "some" be inserted before "key persons working on healthcare issues" on the agenda page. He informed the Commissioners that the Civic Engagement Leadership Team he chairs will have a special meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2003 to review what the Team has done so far and discuss what else can and should be done to make a difference.

The Commission received the State/Staff Report, on Consent. No action was taken on this item as it was for information purposes only.

6. TPAC Report

TPAC did not meet during the month of July.

7. Access to Healthcare – Prenatal to Age 5

Executive Director Spiegel made a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Healthcare Access Initiative. She discussed the following topics:

- The global perspective of Prop 10
- The Healthcare Access “ideal”
- Some key facts
- The importance of continuous coverage and utilization
- Why children are not enrolled or retained in insurance
- Other California leaders working on Healthcare Access
- What other county commissions are doing
- The mission of the First 5 Commission of San Diego
- Results of the July 17th meeting with local experts
- Proposed strategies (4 phases)
- Staff recommendations on the RFP
- Potential indicators
- Grantee requirements
- Multi-strategic and phased approach of the Initiative

Commissioner Faine commended Executive Director Spiegel, staff member Frink and the rest of the group who put together the planning meeting last July 17, 2003. It was very well-attended and many key stakeholders shared a lot of good information. She extended her gratitude to those who participated in the planning meeting. Commissioners Colling and Bowen echoed the commendation by Commissioner Faine. Commissioner Bowen added that Commission staff has produced an excellent and comprehensive product with a short timeframe. She wanted to make a note to staff that under Phase III of the proposed strategies, increasing the supply of pediatric medical and dental providers might be needed in certain types of providers, not in all. Commissioner Colling added that it should read, “Continue Phase II efforts and explore strategies **such as** to increase the supply of ...”. He wondered if the recently released Request for Proposal (RFP) for Child Health Needs and Assets Assessment Planning Studies can be refocused to include increasing access to healthcare. Executive Director Spiegel responded that the RFP has been released but not yet awarded so there is a possibility that the Statement of Work can be refined during negotiation with the successful offeror. Commissioner Colling also raised the issue of requiring the grantee to have the capacity for e-applications. He was concerned that not everybody has this capacity and would like to know if there is some flexibility on this requirement. Executive Director Spiegel commented that this requirement has been deemed very important because its quickness is very reinforcing to the families not only to get them enrolled but also to keep them enrolled. Grantees that do not have this capacity can be expected to include the costs, including training, to their budget and proposals.

Chairman Cox asked about the timeline for this RFP. Executive Director Spiegel responded that a draft RFP can go to the Commission possibly in September for approval and the final RFP will be released shortly afterwards. The award could be expected in December. Commissioner Bowen suggested that if the draft RFP will not be completed in time for the September Commission meeting, that a Statement of Work would suffice.

ON MOTION OF Commissioner Colling, seconded by Commissioner Faine, the Commission found that increasing access to healthcare for children prenatal to age 5 is consistent with the Commission’s Strategic Plan, furthers the support and improvement of early childhood development within the County and provides a public benefit; and authorized the Executive Director to work with Purchasing and Contracting to issue a Request for Proposal for up to two years to increase access to healthcare for children prenatal to age 5.

AYES: Cox, Colling, Faine, Bowen
ABSENT: Lum

ABSTAIN: **None**
NOES: **None**

8. Commission Policy CFC-010, "Innovative Grant Funding Process"
ON MOTION OF Commissioner Colling, seconded by Commissioner Faine, the Commission approved Commission Policy CFC-010, "Innovative Grant Funding Process," and set Sunset Review of this Policy for August 2005, on Consent.

AYES: **Cox, Colling, Faine, Bowen**
ABSENT: **Lum**
ABSTAIN: **None**
NOES: **None**

9. Commission Updates
The Commission received the calendar of community engagement activities for August and September 2003, and an updated summary listing of relevant bills introduced into the 2002 and 2003 legislative sessions, on Consent. No action was taken on this item as it was for information purposes only.

10. Future Agenda Items

Items to be discussed at subsequent Commission meetings include:

- Contract award – Pre-Literacy, and Health Planning and Coordination Studies
- Draft Request for Proposal or Statement of Work on Access to Healthcare
- TPAC report on its August orientation

11. Adjournment

Executive Director Spiegel announced that the date of the October Commission meeting has been changed to respect the Jewish holiday. The new date will be determined at a later date. It will be a joint Commission and TPAC meeting. She thanked the Commissioners for their willingness to meet jointly with the TPAC members.

Chairman Cox adjourned the meeting of the Commission at 2:50 p.m. Next meeting will be on September 8, 2003 in Rooms 302-303 of the County Administration Center.

Notes by Meegan

Respectfully submitted for your review and approval:

Dr. Nora Faine, Secretary

Date